



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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January 3, 2001

TO: Governor's Office, Julie Lapeyre, Room 204, State Capitol, P.O. 200801, Helena, MT 59620-0801
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Jack Atcheson, State Land Coalition, 3210 Ottawa St., Butte, MT 59701

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for your interest in Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' proposed Improvement Project for the Cherry River Fishing Access Site located on the East Gallatin River, adjacent to the City of Bozeman. The project proposes relocating the entrance; building a short access road, parking lot and culdesac; erecting signs; installing a sealed vault latrine; and improving the trail system. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared on the project, and it analyzed three additional alternatives as well as the preferred action.

A legal notice was placed in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and the Independent Record newspapers for the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment. It was sent to the distribution list and was put on the State of Montana Electronic Bulletin Board for review. There was a 30-day comment period, which ended December 20, 2000. No comments were received.

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment, I have determined that the process has satisfactorily complied with the Montana Environmental Policy Act. The proposed action poses no significant impact to the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The decision has been made to proceed with the preferred action alternative as described in the EA. Any

comments may be made to Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Cherry River FAS Improvements, 1400 So. 19th, Bozeman, MT 59718, or e-mail tgreason@montana.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. J. Flowers', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Patrick J. Flowers
Regional Supervisor